Setting up of Community Information Centres

242. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step have been taken by Government to set up Community Information Centres in every block in the country to provide connectivity at block levels;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) by when, Community Information Centres would be set up in every block in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) The Department of Information Technology has implemented a project for setting up Community Information Centres (CICs) at 487 block headquarters in the seven North-East states and Sikkim for promoting application of Information Technology for accelerating socio- economic development of the region. There is no plan sanctioned for setting up of CIC in the rest of the blocks of the country.

Despatch of Money Orders

†243. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of money orders despatched from B-10, Vasant Kunj post office of New Delhi to Muzaffarpur, Bihar particularly to Chandanpatti post office in the first week of August, 2002 and the details thereof;

(b) whether all these money orders were received by the recipients, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any complaint in this regard has been received by Government; if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Only one money order was booked and despatched from B-10, Vasant Kunj post office in the first week of August, 2002 numbering 7645 dated 05-08-2002 for Rs. 1,000/- payable to Shri Mahendra Paswan, Vill. & PO via Chandanpatti, Distt-Muzaffarpur and remitted by Shri Shatruhan, B-4/318, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

(b) The money order was found wrongly paid to Shri Mahendra Paswan of Chandanpatti, on 13-08-2002 instead of to Shri Mahendra Paswan of Village Deoli, Chandanpatti, Distt-Muzaffarpur due to incomplete address. The amount was recovered from the wrong payee and the payment was made to the real payee on 06-11-2002.

(c) One Complaint dated 23.9.2002 was received in the office of Chief Postmaster General, Delhi Circle, New Delhi from the remitter about its wrong payment. The same complaint was received in the Directorate through the O/o Minister of State (C&IT). A report was immediately called for from the Sr. Supdt. of Post offices and the Postmaster General, Muzaffarpur. The Payment was got arranged to the real payee on 6.11.2002.

Implementation of Long Term Grain Policy

244. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1662 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether an in-depth study has been made of the recent Report of the High Level Committee on Long Term Grain Policy headed by Prof. Abhijit Sen;

(b) If so, the details of the major observations/recommendations of the Committee and the action taken/ proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether a fresh road-map has been drawn for effecting long term foodgrains policy reforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and its present status?